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MODERNISATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the implementation of composite e-Governance and modernization programme `DCA21`;

(b) the amount earmarked and the amount actually spent on the project as on date; and

(c) the names of private companies involved in the implementation of the project `DCA21`?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA)

(a to c): The Ministry of Company Affairs has launched an e-Governance and modernization programme called `MCA21 e-Governance Project` (earlier known as `DCA21`). The project is expected to be implemented over a period of 60 weeks starting from the date of signing of the contract. It is proposed to be implemented in two phases, i.e. two pilot locations of Delhi and Coimbatore by December, 2005 and rollout at all other locations by May, 2006.

The contract has been signed with the selected operator on 01.03.2005 and the process of implementation has been started.

The approved cost of the project is envisaged at Rs. 341.214 crore (plus Rs. 4.68 crore on account of change in the scope of software), following the Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model. Payments to the operator would be made after achieving important milestones during the implementation phase and in the form of equated quarterly instalments during the operation phase on the basis of adherence to specified Service Level Agreements (SLAs). As the first payment of cost of the development of Bespoke Software and cost of digitisation will become due after the successful Acceptance Test and Certification of the pilots at Delhi and Coimbatore, which is expected in December 2005, no payment has been made to operator so far.

M/s Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) led consortium have been selected as the operator following a open bid process. The contract has been signed on 01.03.2005. Besides, M/s Satyam Computer Services Ltd. have been engaged as the Change Management Consultants for a total fee of Rs. 72 lakhs plus Service Tax, out of which, an amount of Rs. 17.63 lakhs has been spent till date.